

The *Alacrity*, with Admiral Buller on board, left Amoy on the 11th inst. for Foochow.

The Hon. H. E. Pollock will lecture to the 'Old Volcanoes' at Bank Buildings tomorrow afternoon. The subject of the lecture is 'The Younger Pitt.'

Tan Hon. T. H. Whitehead is probably the most ardent of our advocates for local self-government. We commend him to secure the good offices of the London *Daily News*, which recently said—discussing Colonial loyalty—'Local self-government is the political alchemy which turns dissatisfaction into loyalty.'

In noticing the departure from Bangkok for Singapore of Jerome Dyer, 'the Australian Trade Commissioner' (or commercial traveller, as they were called in the old days), the *Siam Free Press* sarcastically remarks that the Australian cruisers are still on the market. Mr. Dyer, it was alleged, made an attempt to dispose of two cut-off Australian gunboats to the Siam Government.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Commander Hastings, Patrick Kelly and William Buegard, seaman, and Peter Carter, fireman, were convicted of assaulting J. Olson, a Norwegian seaman, lodging in the Sailors' Home. About 9.30 last night the three prisoners who were intoxicated met Olson in Queen's Road, near the Western Hotel. Some words were exchanged and the prisoners then assaulted Olson. A fine of \$7 was imposed, with the alternative of twenty-eight days' hard labour.

The first Gynkhausa meeting for season 1896 will be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday, 9th May. Entries for the six events on the programme close at the Hongkong Club on May 1, at 6 p.m. The programme will open with a half-mile pony race at four o'clock, and the other events are a Six Furlongs handicap, 'The Farwell Cup' (presented by Mr. W. A. Orlock), a Stakes race (cup by Mr. A. S. Manners), Ladies' Nomination, and 'The Gynkhausa Cup.' Lt.-Colonel The O'Garra is Hon. Secretary.

Referring to a paragraph published by us some time ago, the *Siam Free Press* says:—'In justice to the Bangkok Post Office we will draw the attention of the *China Mail* to an explanation of the delay in receiving Bangkok papers, dated January 14, 15, and 16, and received in Hongkong on March 4. We learn, on excellent authority, that the papers referred to above, were despatched by the Bangkok Post Office, on January 17, by the Bangkok Express, but some mistake this Hongkong mail was over-carried to Japan. Hence the delay, and hence the growl of our Hongkong contemporary whom we are glad to see appreciates his Bangkok exchanges so highly as to note their late arrival.' The explanation commences with the Bangkok office, but only shifts the blame upon somebody else. In the boat-managed Post Office mistakes do happen—and goodness only knows the Hongkong Office is far from perfect—and somebody must be responsible for a stupid blunder of this sort. Was it the *Repton* people, or the Hongkong Post Office Officers?

A correspondent writes to us: 'Why on earth can't we have Hongkong subsidiary coins in excess? I am sick of the Canton power.' Our correspondent must ask us something easier, or perhaps he could get a satisfactory explanation from the Government. We cannot give him one. While on the subject of coins we might mention the importation of the French trade dollar. It is a beautiful coin, of a pretty design and excellently milled, superior even to the Japanese yen. There is no comparison between it and our wretched British dollar. In this instance we have to bow to the superiority of the Frenchman, but at the same time must express a hope that the ready somewhat mixed currency of the Colony is not to be further complicated by the introduction of the French dollar. It must have been noticed by everyone that the unchopped British dollar—which was predicted by 'experts' at Home and a few in Hongkong as likely to prove a failure because of Chinese prejudice for the chopped, robe-stone Mexican—has almost entirely driven the Mexican out of the field. The yen—chopped in the majority of cases—is more commonly met with than the Mexican, but both are getting scarcer as the British dollar forces its way. It is strange that our subsidiary coins should disappear so rapidly, while the market is flooded by coins from the Canton mint.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 28th March says:—'Handsome wedding presents, intended for Captain and Mrs. Jackson, subscribed for by a number of friends, are now on view at the British Dispensary. They consist of a silver tea service of Siamese workmanship, and a beautifully enamelled gold lady's watch with gold chain and diamond horse-shoe locket. The tea-service bears Siamese lakon figures in relief, and is supplied by Messrs. Tassara and Co. Captain and Mrs. Jackson are expected there on Tuesday (14th March), the wedding having taken place on the *Loonoo's* last trip to Hongkong.' On the 4th April, the same journal contains the following paragraph:—'The recent marriage of Captain Jackson, of the *Loonoo*, was yesterday the occasion of an interesting gathering on board that vessel. A large party having been entertained at 11 a.m. Dr. Hay, on behalf of the guests and a large number of friends who were unable to attend, presented, in felicitous terms, to the bride and bridegroom a handsome wedding-present. This consisted of the silver tea-service previously described by us and an enamelled gold lady's watch, with chain and locket. Captain Jackson suitably acknowledged the presentation, and thanked his and his wife's friends for their congratulations and good wishes. On the same occasion Messrs. Winder & Co. also gave the newly-married couple a memento of their union.'

W. Robinson & Co. have 100 Pianos for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Pianos returned from Hire cheap.

It is stated that the King of Siam will visit Java this month, travelling by the *Maka Chakri*.

We learn from Singapore that the Russian cruisers *Rurik* and *Dmitri Donkoi* had received telegraphic instructions to leave Singapore for Nagasaki direct last Sunday.

ANXIETY is felt at the *Messenger*, for the safety of Mr. Greig, of the National Bible Society of Scotland, who started from Chungking on a Bible-selling tour five months ago, and has not yet returned.

At the Magistracy to-day Commander Hastings sentenced a Chinaman to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive eighteen strokes with the rattan, for ear-ring snatching.

Mr. G. W. Ward, who represented the *Pall Mall Gazette* in the late expedition to Ashanti, started on February 5 in a coasting steamer for England, via the small and little-frequented coast ports in West Africa. So says the *Bangkok Times* of the 4th April.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held their twelfth and last Club race for the season on Sunday. The course is as follows:—From Police Pier, Kowloon, round Stonecutters', Kowloon Rock, and Channel Rocks, leaving all to starboard; 13 miles.

We learn that another attempt will be made this week to open trade at Wuhoo on the West River. A well-known English commission agent left for Canton yesterday to complete his arrangements for journeying up the West River with a cargo of mixed goods. We trust he will be more successful than Mr. Andrew in his coming contact with the mandarins.

To-day the American schooner *Retriever*, lying in the harbour, was sold by public auction. The schooner is about 80 tons register, length over all 81 feet, but is not copper fastened. The vessel was the property of several scientific American gentlemen who were intending to do a scientific tour in Borneo. Finding the vessel too small for their requirements, it was exposed for sale, and they are now in quest of a larger vessel at Singapore. Mr. Geo. P. Lamont acted as auctioneer. The schooner, with tackle and appurtenances, stores, cabin furniture, &c., was sold at \$1500 to Captain Martin for Mr. J. W. Brown.

Last night the residents in Kowloon were disturbed in their early peaceful slumbers by sounds of warfare. Shortly after eight o'clock the sounds of a vigorous fusillade were heard proceeding from the direction of the Rifle Range. The sharp ping of the rifles was kept up till near ten o'clock, when it closed with a few straggling shots. Next morning on inquiry it was found that our gallant blue-jackets of the *Centurion* had been having a night of it. They had advanced on the Rifle Brigade quarters, and started a surprise night attack. The Rifle Brigade, it is stated, repulsed the attack—number of wounded not known.

The Scottish Oriental steamers must have a lively time of it during their peregrinations to Bangkok. The following paragraph is taken from the *Siam Free Press* of the 13th March:—'The *Merch* is surrounded, watched, and guarded by at least one hundred men, of all sorts and conditions in the employ of the Opium Farmer. The cause of all this vigilance is the belief that some 2,000 tins of opium are stowed on board the *Hongkong* liner, and the discovery of which has so far baffled the search of the Captain and the minions of the Farmer of the drug. Some 30 tins have been found, but the remaining 1,970 are still missing. It is generally believed that the report is a blind in order to divert attention from the real hiding place of the drug. The Opium Farmer changes hands to-morrow, the new lessee being a syndicate of Chinese.'

LIENSING JUSTICES.

A special session of the Justices of the Peace was held in the Justices' Room at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The Justices present were:—Commander Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate (who presided); Captain Lethbridge, Acting Superintendent of Police; Messrs W. M. B. Arthur, A. S. Hooper, D. E. Brown, A. G. Morris, E. W. Mitchell, J. A. Carvalho, J. H. Lewis and W. Danby.

HOTEL GERMANIA.

Mr. F. B. Bowley (of Mr. H. L. Donny's office) applied on behalf of Mr. August Heilmüller, Shipping Master to the German Consul, for a Public House License for the premises consisting of the second floor of No. 8, Queen's Road Central, which were some years ago occupied by the Windsor Hotel. Mr. Bowley stated that the applicant proposed to open a Hotel for the exclusive use of the Officers and Engineers of the German Mercantile Marine, of whom about 3,500 passed through the Colony in 1894. The application was supported by the German Consul, Mr. Von Looper, and by the Acting-Consul Dr. Kumppe, and also by the whole of the German community. None of the neighbouring occupiers of offices and stores objected to the license being granted. The license would not interfere with any existing license, as the Hotel was intended for an entirely different class of customers, for whom no accommodation at present existed.

The Police objected to the license on the ground that there were several licensed premises in the vicinity and the new license was not required.

CHITREYON RESTAURANT.

Mr. Bowley supported for Mrs. Melhuish (formerly Mrs. Young), and applied for the alteration of the license of the name on the license, as she had married Mr. Melhuish since the Annual Licensing Sessions when the name was granted to her in the name of Mrs. Young.

The Justices directed the change of name to be entered on the License.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[RECEIVED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, April 14, 1896.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

The Emperor William of Germany has had a cordial meeting with the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria at Vienna. It is generally understood that this, and the meeting with King Humbert of Italy, will result in a renewal of the Triple Alliance.

IRELAND.

An Irish Land Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE NILE EXPEDITION.

Mr. Curzon, replying to Mr. Labouchere in the House of Commons, said that if it became necessary to employ British troops beyond Wady Halfa, the cost would be a matter for discussion between England and Egypt.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Two hundred men of the Leicestershire Regiment will leave Aldershot for the Cape at the end of May.

CRICKET AT AMOY.

(From a Correspondent.)

Amoy, 11th April.

The *Alacrity* opened their cricket season with a match against Amoy on the 10th inst. It was interesting from a spectator's point of view, from the fact that three balls were in use during the *Alacrity's* innings, and gallery efforts to secure were made throughout. One officer whose light hitherto has been hidden under a bushel was presented, after the match, with a title that he managed to detach from a distant building. The following were the scorers:

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Yesterday afternoon, at the conclusion of the inspection of the Volunteers, the annual prizes were presented to the winners.

Major-General Black said—Major Pomerton, Captain McCallum, Captain Adamson, officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery, it was the custom in the old days when Volunteers were inspected to award a good deal of butter laid on. It was the fashion of the day for the Volunteers to be coaxed and patted on the back, but now it is no longer the custom. The fish is eaten without sauce, and it would be a sort of insult to men of sense to be decorated with praise and pay that they do not deserve. It is just as well to tell you that a thing is badly done if you do not deserve praise. I have seen a little of the movements of the Artillery on two different occasions since I have been here, and I am sure that you have had the most fresh for the work. It was a very hard day, but the work was very hard, and it was a pity that the gunners were brought into position with considerable difficulty over very rugged ground and the work was very well done. 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Steamers.

'STRATH' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Strathgairn*, Captain Patric, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1896. 704

RICKMERS REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA PORTS, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Dorothea Rickmers*, Captain Patric, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 17th Inst., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 10, 1896. 500

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Chartered Steamship *Orono*, Captain Hancock, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about FRIDAY, the 17th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1896. 785

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALUTTA.

The Steamship *Orono*, Captain Hancock, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 16th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 14, 1896. 703

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHIWANG.

The Steamship *Wanhsien*, Captain Newcomb, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1896. 787

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Prism*, Captain C. Jackson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 6, 1896. 733

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAYRE AND LONDON.

The Co.'s Steamship *Turbo*, Captain J. Messis, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 10, 1896. 633

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

The Steamship *Nanking*, Captain Patric, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1896. 775

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Taiyuan*, Captain Nelson, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1896. 786

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Wanhsien*, Captain Williams, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at 8 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine Room. A Refrigerating Chamber carries the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted through-out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1896. 774

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHIWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

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